

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP03/01473 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

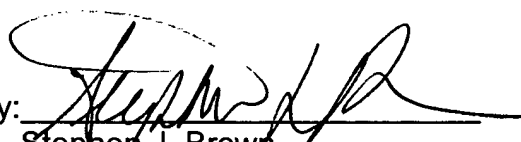
Claim 11 has been added to present subject matter previously presented in multiple dependent form in claim 9. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 17-24; page 2, lines 1-32; and page 4, lines 6-26; in Example 1; and in original claim 9. See *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I) (8th ed. Rev. 2, May 2004, pp. 600-73 and 600-81 to 600-82).

Claims 12-14 have been added to present subject matter previously presented in multiple dependent form in claim 10. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 17-24; page 2, lines 1-32; and page 4, lines 6-26; in Example 1; and in original claim 10. See *Id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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